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TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

MILLIONS LOST.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 5, 3.5 a.m.

The miners have lost in wages six million sterling and the funds of the Miners Unions have been depleted by £1,295,000.

LEADERS AT VARIANCE.

It is stated that there are acute differences amongst the miners' leaders. The decision of the Executive was reached by a small majority and one leader is quoted as saying that if the Conference on Saturday decided against resumption it would break up the miners' organisation.

BALLOT RETURNS.

Whatever may be the decision of the Conference it is not expected that the national strike will be resumed owing to the huge abstentions from the ballot of large numbers who are working. It is noteworthy that in the ballot in January 445,801 voted for a strike and 115,721 against it, out of a voting strength of 610,000.

EASTER EXODUS.

Despite the restricted train service and the absence of excursions, the Easter exodus yesterday was enormous and the congestion at the stations was unprecedented.

RAILWAYS LOSING.

Bombay, April 5, 2.55 p.m.

Owing to the strike the receipts of fifty-one railways for the week ended March 31 show a decrease of £747,000. The receipts for the thirteen weeks ended March 31 showed a decrease of £2,232,603 compared with 1911.—Reuter.

HELP FROM AUSTRALIA.

London, April 4, 4 a.m.

Funds have been opened in Sydney and Melbourne, and the Lord Mayor of Sydney yesterday tabled the first instalment of a

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

MINERS CONVERTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 4 a.m.

After a harangue with Mr. Stanley, M.P., ten thousand Cannock-chase miners, who overwhelmingly voted against a resumption, have decided to resume forthwith.

It is unofficially stated at midnight that 180,002 miners are for resumption, and 199,881 are against. Official figures are still withheld.

AWAITING THE RESULT.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation meets in London tomorrow to consider the result of the ballot, and it is expected they will decide that the majority against resuming is insufficient to justify a continuance of the strike, especially in view of the vast number of abstentions. Meanwhile, the numbers who are resuming without waiting for the decision are steadily increasing, but no coal is expected to reach London for at least a week.—Reuter.

MOTOR CRIMINALS.

ANOTHER ARREST.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 4 a.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent wires that Carrouy, another of the alleged motor criminals, has been arrested near Paris. He swallowed poison, but prompt medical action saved his life.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER.

TRANSFERRED TO TOKYO.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 2.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna wires that Baron Mueller, of the Foreign Office, has been appointed Ambassador at Tokyo.

TELEGRAMS.

SUPPOSED ANARCHISTS.

TURKISH SENSATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 2.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that two men named Kirkar and Simon on arriving from Varna were arrested for carrying 28 kilogrammes of dynamite and eight bombs. Kirkar had six passports. It is supposed that they are anarchists and emissaries of a Bulgarian and Macedonian committee. The police are searching for possible accomplices in Constantinople.—Reuter.

THE EXPLANATION.

London, April 5, 4.50 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that an investigation shows that the bombs and explosives were intended for Russia. Simon is a Russo-Armenian who deposed that he has frequently conveyed bombs to Russia. Kirkar was released.—Reuter.

FLOODS IN AMERICA.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 5.30 a.m.

Widespread distress has been caused by floods in the Mississippi Valley. Several towns in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri have been deserted, and thousands of people are homeless. The river at Cairo is fifty miles broad. Fifty thousand inhabitants of the Mississippi delta have been warned that the levees threaten to collapse, and they are fleeing.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

BILLIARDS.

EXPERTS ON TOUR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 5.30 p.m.

Stevenson and Gray leave Southampton on May 18 for South Africa. They are to visit the important towns and will proceed to Rhodesia if time permits. They will leave South Africa in September for India where they will remain until March. From India they will proceed to Australia.—Reuter.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

CUSTOMS MINISTER.

[From Chinese Sources.]

Shanghai, April 4.

President Yuan Shih-kai intends to appoint Sze Shiu-ki Minister of Customs.

GENERAL HSU SHIU-CHING.

General Hsu Chiu-Ching has telegraphed to President Yuan Shih-kai declining to accept the post of chief adviser to the General Staff.

DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS.

Wan Ping-chung has been appointed Commissioner for Diplomatic Affairs.

CENTRALIZED POWER

OPPOSED.

The Provisional Assemblies in the seven northern provinces have entreated President Yuan not to appoint Governors General, but to reserve the right of electing these officials to the provinces.

JOINTLY SWORN SOCIETY.

The Jointly Sworn Society in Nanking proposes to transfer its head office to Peking.

A DIFFERENCE SETTLED.

Wong Hing has succeeded in settling the differences between the Cantonese and Anhwei troops in Hanchow.—Shat Po.

TELEGRAMS.

AVIATION.

PEKING TO PARIS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, April 6, 7.10 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the "Matin" intends to organize an aeroplane race from Peking to Paris.—Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES.

INVITED TO CANADA.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 4 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that the Dominion Government has invited the Prince of Wales to visit Canada in 1914.—Reuter.

THE NAVY.

ADMIRAL OF PATROLS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 2.10 p.m.

Rear-Admiral de Robeck has been appointed to the command of the torpedo boat flotilla, under the title of Admiral of Patrols.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL TRADE.

COMMISSION CRITICISED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 5.30 a.m.

The "Times" says the members of the Opposition are surprised at the composition of the Commission to enquire into the trade and resources of the Empire. They do not consider that the Government has carried out the tacit understanding that it would be of first importance in respect of personnel that it should be entirely impartial. They complain that Statesmen of the calibre of Lord Grey and Lord Balfour of Burleigh have not been asked to serve, and several of the members are known to be extreme fiscal partisans, or not to possess sufficient commercial training.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

HUNGARIAN CRISIS.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 5.30 p.m.

The Hungarian Parliament has adjourned for the holidays without settling anything. The extreme members of the opposition are demanding the consideration of electoral reform before the Army Bill upon the passing of which the Emperor insisted.—Reuter.

WEST INDIES AND CANADA.

TRADE RELATIONS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 5, 4.50 p.m.

The West Indian delegates now in Canada negotiating for closer trade relations have met with a most cordial reception and there are good hopes of a satisfactory outcome.—Reuter.

OIL DISCOVERY.

Petroleum Spring Found Near London.

In boring an artesian well for the White Hoather Laundry, Stonebridge Park, near Willesden Junction, oil has been discovered at a depth of 1,600ft.

One of the directors of the laundry (which was founded ten years ago by four young men from Cambridge) said on March 7: "We have had several members of City companies up here already, including a representative of the Standard Oil Company. We had found a splendid quality of water at a depth of 1,000ft., but the quantity is short of our requirements, and that is the chief reason why we are going deeper. The well at present is 1,720ft. deep. We prefer to test the real value of the oil discovery before making any sort of deal."

The Petroleum World states: "The oil is not found in quantity, but the circumstances are such as to mark the discovery as possibly a most important one. At the depth of about 1,000 ft. traces of petroleum were encountered, accompanied by distinct evidences of gas. Not enough oil has been found to be collected for analysis, but from a personal examination of the deposits the writer is of opinion that it is a viscous oil of heavy character, containing little if any benzene or kerosene, and useful possibly for the manufacture of lubricating oils and almost certainly as a good fuel oil."

TELEGRAMS.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

COMMITTEES FOR TRIAL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 4, 2.20 p.m.

Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Lawrance have been committed for trial on bail.—Reuter.

CANTON NEWS.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, April 4.

The Canton mint is working at top speed to turn out coin to meet the demands of the market and at present the daily output amounts to \$80,000 half of which is handed over to the Chamber of Commerce, who through the seventy-two Merchants' Guild, distribute the same for the redemption of notes. The rest is used for the payment of the soldiers and for the further redemption of notes at the specie department. The confidence which the people had in the new notes of issue is now declining and they are now being accepted only at a discount of about 24 per cent. In connection with this a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been held and it has been decided to ask the Governor General to send deputies to the specie department to superintend the redemption of the old notes and to issue a proclamation ordering bankers to accept either the old or the new notes as legal tender without discount.

Yesterday, at a meeting of the Canton Provisional Council, Wong Ping-chung put forward a resolution asking for the abolition of many of the useless offices that are at present in existence in the administration. According to Wong the Governor General has a much larger staff than he needs and many of the salaries paid are much too large. He criticised some of the other departments and spoke of the finance department as being nothing more than a charitable institution for the relatives of the head of the office. His resolution was carried.

A Japanese steamer was some time ago delayed in Canton for three days during the revolt of Wong Wo-shun's men and the owners have put in a claim for compensation. The Commissioner for the Navy has suggested that a solatium of 900 yen should meet the case.

Ng Cheung-tat who was despatched to Swatow to enquire into the causes of the recent outbreak has sent a communication to the foreign consulates there, complaining of the presence of foreign cruisers off that port as he thinks they are likely to materially prejudice the national rights of China. He asks for their withdrawal and pledges himself to secure the safety of all foreigners there.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR LIABILITIES, DUTIES AND POWERS.

Foreword.

The following article relates to the meetings of directors, and points out the necessity for such meetings to be properly held. It is not sufficient for the secretary to interview each director separately, in the director's own office and obtain his instructions. It is the duty of all of them to meet together and discuss matters. Notice must be given to each one of them to attend a Board meeting, but it is unnecessary to state in the notice the nature of the business proposed to be transacted. Minutes are required to be kept of all meetings of directors, which must be signed by the chairman at that or the subsequent meeting. Where a vacancy occurs amongst the directors, it should be filled as speedily as possible, and no director who is personally interested in a transaction to be considered should vote in respect of it.

(Continued from last Saturday.)

Meetings.

The Articles of Association of a Company invariably provide for the manner in which meetings of its directors shall be convened, and held, for the purpose of transacting the business of the Company. In the absence of Articles provision for that purpose is made by Table A.

Directors are authorised to regulate their meetings as they think fit, to fix the quorum necessary for the transaction of their business, to elect a chairman, to fill up vacancies in their body, and to delegate their powers to Committees consisting of a member or members of their body. It is also provided by Table A, and invariably by the Articles, if any, that the chairman shall have a casting vote on questions arising at any meeting of the directors in case of an equality of votes; otherwise those questions must be decided by a majority.

When a quorum has been fixed either by the Articles of Association, or, if none, by the directors themselves, no business can be transacted by a less number of directors (*In re Scottish Petroleum Co.* 23 Ch. D. 413, *Bottomley's case* 10 Ch. D. 681). And, where it is provided by the Articles that no director shall be entitled to vote in respect of any contract or undertaking in which he is personally interested, a director so interested cannot form one of the required quorum. So it was held in the case of *Crimmish Point, & Co.* (1904) 1 Ch. 32 that a quorum of directors meant a quorum competent to transact and vote on the business before the board, and that where two out of three directors who passed a resolution were interested in its subject matter, that resolution was invalid, two independent directors being necessary, under the Articles, to form a quorum.

In most instances it is provided by the Articles, as it is by Table A, that the continuing directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, provided that their number is not reduced to less than the quorum fixed. Where, therefore, the Articles provide that the directors shall not be more than, say, five, nor less than, say, three, but that two directors shall form a quorum, and that the continuing directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, the acts of the only two continuing directors are valid (*In re Scottish Petroleum Co.* at p. 431). It is nevertheless necessary, in such a case, that the number of directors should be filled up as speedily as possible to the minimum of three; and, if therefore power to do so is given to the continuing directors, they should, without delay, invite a third person, who is qualified to act, to fill the vacancy.

This business of a Company, being required to be transacted by the directors at a meeting of the necessary quorum of their body, cannot be transacted except at a Board meeting properly convened. The directors must meet together, and discuss ques-

tions which require to be considered by them. So where the prescribed quorum of directors was three, and each, separately, and at a private interview with the Secretary, authorised him to put through a certain transaction, this was held to be invalid and in no way binding on the Company (*D'Arey v. Tamar, & Co.*, 11 2 Ex 168).

The case last cited was referred to with approval by Cozens-Hardy J. in *Hagerroft Gold Mining Co.* (1900) 2 Ch. 230 in which case it was held that a resolution to wind up a Company voluntarily was ineffectual because the notices convening the meeting had been issued without the authority of a resolution of the directors at a Board meeting.

Although it is necessary that notice of an intended meeting of directors should be given to all of them (but unnecessary to send it to those absent abroad, *Italian, & Co. v. Franchini* 62 L. T. 563), it is not required that the notice shall specify any particular business which it is proposed to transact, or to consider, at the meeting. Directors "being" said "for their services" it is their "duty to go when there is any business to be done, and to attend to that business whatever it is." A rule to the effect "that directors must always have notice of the kind of business which is to come before them" would be extremely embarrassing in the transaction of the "business of companies" (*Lindley J. v. La Compagnie de Mayville v. Whitley* (1890) 1 Ch. 788).

In the case last cited a director brought an action, in the name of the Company, for an injunction to restrain his co-directors from carrying out the terms of a resolution passed by them at a meeting, of which he had notice merely to attend, but at which he was not present. The action was dismissed with costs, the plaintiff director being ordered to pay such costs himself as between solicitor and client. Where the notice convening a meeting of directors does, in fact, also state the business of the meeting, it has been held in the case of *In re Cawley*, 42 Ch. D. 209, that the directors are entitled to take their business at the meeting in any order they think proper, and are not bound to deal with the matters before them in the order contained in the agenda-paper.

It is provided by Section 72 of the Hongkong Companies Ordinance (Section 71 of the Act of 1908) that every company shall cause minutes of all proceedings at any meetings of directors or managers to be entered in books kept for that purpose, and that any such minute if purporting to be signed by the chairman of that, or the next succeeding, meeting shall be evidence of the proceedings. A minute so signed is not, however, conclusive, but is merely prima facie evidence, which may be rebutted by proof of its inaccuracy (*In re Zedone Co.* 20 Ch. D. at p. 77).

Non-compliance with the provisions of this Section does not render the unminuted proceedings of a meeting invalid, but other evidence can be adduced to show that resolutions at such a meeting were duly passed. So in the case of *Knight's case*, L. R. 2 Ch. 321, where no entry had been made of the minutes of a resolution by the directors to forfeit certain shares, which were stated in the books of the Company to have been forfeited, it was held by the Court of Appeal that as the forfeiture could not have been made without a resolution of the directors, the Court was bound to assume that such a resolution had been duly passed (See also *re Fyle Works* (1891) 1 Ch. 173).

No express penalties are provided by the Ordinance (and Act) for failure to comply with the provisions of Section 72 (Section 71 of the Act). The Section appears to be intended principally for the benefit of the Company itself, though partly for the benefit of persons dealing with it, in that it is provided, not only that a signed minute shall be evidence of proceedings, but also that, until the contrary is proved, every meeting in respect of the proceedings whereof minutes have been so made shall be deemed to have been duly held and convened, all proceedings thereat to have

been duly had, and all appointments of directors, managers, or liquidators to be valid.

(To be continued.)

THE "LITTLE CORPORAL."

Extracts from the Philosophy of Buonaparte.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph writes:—The collection of pensées gathered by the industrious M. J. Gertrut from the literary works of Napoleon I. give an excellent idea of the Emperor's mastery of incisive phrase, and his keen intuition. Here are some of his axioms of war:

There are two kinds of plans of campaign—good and bad. The good are nearly always wrecked by unforeseen circumstances, which often cause the bad to succeed.

Inevitable wars are always just.

Imagination loses battles.

Warfare is a natural style.

In war there is only one favourable moment; genius knows how to seize it.

There are cases in which squandering men economises blood.

An army is a people that obeys.

Courage is like love; it feeds on hope.

Fearless people are not found among those who have something to lose.

Dare-devilry is an innate quality; it is in the blood, and often merely impatience of danger. Courage is the result of thought.

I have an income of 100,000 men!

But, of course, Napoleon's interests were not entirely absorbed by war. He has left some maxims relating to the drama and literature:

Verse is merely the embroidery on the dramatic cloth.

A good tragedy gains in value every day. High tragedy is the school of great men, and it is the duty of Sovereigns to encourage it. To judge tragedy it is not necessary to be a poet; it is sufficient to know men and things. Tragedy should be the school for kings and peoples; it is the highest point to which a poet can attain.

Dramas are the tragedies of chambermaids.

What I admire in the "Agamemnon" of Æschylus is the extreme force united to great simplicity. I am particularly struck by the degrees of terror which characterise the productions of this father of tragedy.

"Tartuffe" is the production of a masterly hand, but it has such a character that I do not hesitate to say that if it had been written in my time I would not have permitted it to be performed. Beaumarchais: A man without morals, without principles, a pedlar of literature rather than a man of letters. . . I would have clapped him into prison; I should have been called a tyrant, but what a gain to society!

Here are a few political maxims, and some thoughts on love.

Blockheads talk of the past, wise men of the present, fools of the future.

A Prince ought to suspect everybody.

Those who can no longer be rewarded must be disgraced.

A throne is only a plank covered with velvet.

Kingship in these days is no child's play; the habits of Kings must change with those of the people; to have the right to serve peoples one must begin by serving them well.

Republics are not made out of old monarchies.

A revolution is an opinion supported by bayonets.

Charles I. perished for resisting; neither understood the force of inertia, which is the secret of great reigns.

When I learn that a nation can live without bread I shall believe that the French can live without glory.

You may kill the Turks; you will never conquer them.

In the battle of love, flight is the only victory.

Love is the occupation of the idle man; the distraction of the soldier; the stumbling block of the Sovereign.

Love is a stupidity & a de-

SORCERY IN FRANCE.

A Weird Story from the Calais Citadel.

An extraordinary story comes from Calais. Whilst a sergeant was on guard before the postern gate of the old citadel two black veiled women glided slowly into view, and whilst the sentry rubbed his eyes to make sure he was awake, one of the visitors stretched herself out on the damp grass with arms extended in the form of a cross, whilst the other with a small spade began hastily to dig a hole in the ground. It she placed a packet wrapped in white linen, covered it as quickly as possible, and with her companion disappeared as silently and as mysteriously as they had come.

Under the idea that he had witnessed the closing scenes of an infanticide, the sergeant notified the authorities, and the package was disinterred and taken to the police headquarters. At the same time a doctor was summoned, who at once began to unwrap the parcel, the covering newspaper and linen of which were soaked in blood. What was the astonishment of the investigators finally to discover, not the remains of a child, but merely a pig's heart. And in what a condition! It was pierced through and through in every direction with no fewer than a hundred and thirteen pins, and was also traversed by a dagger. In fact, the authorities were faced with a case of "envoûtement," one of the favourite forms of sorcery in the Middle Ages, which borrowed it from antiquity. It was then practised very generally, together with the infamous "Black Mass," the "Reptile Sacrament," human sacrifice, and other superstitious relics of barbarism.

Method Adopted.

According to a modern cabalist, the following was the method adopted:—Some hairs or articles of clothing of the person to be bewitched were procured, and an animal was chosen to represent this person, and was named after him. The creature was first placed in contact with the victim's belongings and then slain with a magic dagger. Its heart was taken out and wrapped, if possible, in the person's clothes, and during three days pins and nails were driven through it to an accompaniment of curses and imaledictions. It was believed that all the tortures inflicted on the dead animal's heart would be endured by the living individual. A much more common way, however, was to mould a wax image of the person to be bewitched, and to dress it in the clothes he or she usually wore. The waxen doll was then cursed and tortured in the hope that the person would suffer the same.

The Calais "witch" has not yet been found, but she is scarcely likely to escape arrest very long, and it will probably turn out that the whole business was merely a vulgar imposition on some lovesick servant girl by one of the many professional sorceresses still living on the foolishness of their fellows.

AVIATION IN MANILA.

Cavalry Officer makes Daily Flights.

The following is from the "Manila Times":—Airplane flights, to use the spelling adopted by the war department officials for the heavier-than-air machines, are now commonplace to the residents of Fort William McKinley and vicinity, for since the completion of the hangar and such other preliminaries as were necessary, Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm of the 7th cavalry has been making successful flights daily whenever weather conditions were favourable. The airplane is of the Wright brothers' patent and was shipped to the islands some time ago by the war department for the use of the Philippine division. Lieutenant Lahm, who had been on duty with the aviation division of the signal corps, preceded the machine here by a few weeks and upon the arrival of the latter he was again assigned to the signal corps by temporary duty.

A contract was then let for the construction of a hangar at Fort William McKinley to house the machine, and this is located near the polo field at that post. Lieutenant Lahm and an enlisted assistant who has also had experience with machines in the United States, then set up the plane, and several successful flights have been made. It is understood that a French plane has been purchased in Europe by the war department and is also to be sent to this division.

ENLIVENING LONDON.

Harmless Bohemianism.

The work of continentalizing London, especially in the matter of lighter forms of amusement, is proceeding apace. Modern life in London, with its restaurants, clubs and gay supper parties, is more full and is far less narrow than the life of London in the mid-Victorian period.

The prevailing atmosphere of cigarette and cognac, of chanson and dance, is mildly suggestive of Paris, Vienna, Berlin or Munich, and now the cabaret has arrived. It comes, not with the freedom of Montmartre, but in a chastened form, with a certain Bohemianism on the surface and no harm beneath it.

An American, Miss Floyd Arison, is trying this continental experiment at the Theatre Cabaret, which was opened Feb. 22. A similar entertainment, to be called the Moonshine Cabaret, has been opened at the Boudoir theatre. The managing director is Herr Richard Blondel, a widely known poet and singer from Vienna.

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VOLUNTARY AND COMPULSORY SERVICE.

General Anderson recently voiced a regret, not for the first time, that the duty of volunteering was not recognised by a greater number of the young men of the Colony. In some ways it does seem strange that the ranks of the volunteers should remain unfilled. Speaking generally, it may be said that the young men in this Colony have much more time on their hands than at home, where both business and domestic obligations tend to interfere with attendance at drills and so forth. Also there are at home innumerable counter attractions, which necessarily are not found in the Colony. Notwithstanding this, and the fact that many young men are constantly complaining of finding "nothing to do," the health-giving and honourable duties attached to volunteering seem to make no sort of appeal to them.

This phenomenon is not peculiar to Hongkong, though, as we have suggested, there are reasons which make the default of local young men the less excusable. In England volunteering both for the regulars and for the territorials seems to be in a bad way. There is no real enthusiasm. Some little time ago we published an amusing article, reprinted from a London contemporary, which explained how the services of the young unmarried women had been utilised to induce youths to join the territorials. The article was, as we have said, amusing, but it inspires the depressing reflection that things must have come to a pretty pass when such expedients are necessary to stir young men to a sense of what is really an imperative duty.

A Reuter telegram this week reported that in the Commonwealth of Australia a Socialist had been fined £100 for refusing to allow his son to receive the military training called for by the Australian Defence Act. This calls renewed attention to the fact that in regard to compulsory military service the daughter nations have set an example to the Homeland. They have recognised that the primary duty of every man is to be able to fight for his country. Most men would be willing enough when the test came, but if the ability had not been gained willingness would be of little service when in actual sight of a foe. Consequently the Parliament of Australia, which it is interesting to note is elected on an adult suffrage has made military service compulsory upon the youth of the country. Of course, there are some who are dissatisfied and who advance the stock argument against inculcating a spirit of militarism in the young. But the hard common-sense of the majority realizes that there is an awakened "East" just across the threshold, and they have decided to take no chances. It is to be hoped that some such course as that followed by Australia will soon be taken by the Homeland.

DAY BY DAY.

Lots of people stretch the truth in their efforts to make both ends meet.

To-day's Paper.

The continuation of the series on Directors, their duties, etc., appears on page 3, where there is also an interesting article on Napoleon's "thoughts" on many subjects. The short sermon will be found on page 10.

The German Mail of March 5 was delivered in London on April 4.

The St. Stephen's College annual sports meeting will be held at Happy Valley on April 18.

Three more dead bodies have been found by the police, death in one instance being due to small-pox.

A Chinese was removed from the street at Kwong Yuen where he was lying ill and died on reaching the hospital.

It is notified in the Gazette that Mr. G. T. Edkins has been appointed a member of the Court of the University of Hongkong.

A fine \$1,000 or six months' imprisonment was imposed on a Chinese at the Magistracy this morning for conducting a lottery.

Owners and occupiers of tenements are reminded in the Gazette that the rates for the second quarter of 1912 are payable in advance on or before April 30, 1912.

Crown Lands.

Sales of Crown Land will be held at the District Land Office at Taiipo on Wednesday, April 10, and at the offices of the Public Works Department on April 9, 15 and 22.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 8 p.m. on April 5:—Cyclone or typhoon near or over Pelew Islands moving W. or W.N.W.

Gun Practice.

It is notified that gun practice will be carried out on Tuesday, April 9, from the West of Hongkong in a Southerly direction between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. If the weather is clear, practice may be concluded by 2 p.m.

Food and Drugs Ordinance.

The following is a return of samples examined by Mr. Frank Browne, Government Analyst, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896 for the quarter ended March 31, 1912:—Coffee 5 samples, 2 found adulterated; milk 5 samples, all genuine; beer 6 samples, all genuine.

The Stowaways.

Four Chinese were charged at the Magistracy this morning with being stowaways on board the s.s. St. Albans which arrived yesterday. They were found in a coal lumper by the chief engineer. They all pleaded guilty and stated that the head fireman told them they could go aboard. They were each fined \$250 or in the alternative, six months.

The Magistrate's Surprise.

Two Chinese, a man and a woman, were charged at the Magistracy this morning with assaulting a constable. Mr. Irving said he was surprised that a man of such a respectable appearance should behave in such a way. He would fine him \$5 or seven days' and further order him to pay \$2 as compensation for damage to the officer's uniform. The woman he would fine \$1.

Notes in Circulation.

The following are the returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during the month ended March 31, 1912, as certified by the Managers of the respective banks:—

Chartered Bank: Average amount \$6,288,956; specie in reserve \$4,000,000.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank: Average amount \$22,517,242; specie in reserve \$15,000,000.
The totals consequently are:—Average amount \$28,786,198; specie in reserve \$19,000,000.

Over 60 Chinese undesirables were banished from Singapore for life during February.

Judgment has been given by the supreme Court at Leipzig in a lawsuit which commenced in 1511.

Since the Motor Car Act came into force in 1901 the fees received by the Middlesex County Council have amounted to £17,071 14s. and the licences of all kinds issued have numbered 40,937.

A coolie was admitted to the hospital suffering from injuries to his jaw which were caused through his jumping from a bridge in Pokfulam Road yesterday. The man said he was drunk at the time.

The American Consul at Singapore states in an official report that it is proposed to start a small export trade in sharks-liver oil from Malaysia. The oil, after being refined in Europe, is sold for the same purposes as cod-liver oil.

Sixty Finnish pilots at Helsinki have sent in their resignations, owing to the projected transformation of the pilot service into a Russian Government institution. Pilots in the other port districts are expected to resign in a body, or at least the great majority.

It is stated that Lord Strathcona is far from well. It was evident that he had grown much feebler during the last few months when he attended the Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's, and at his advanced age it is only natural that any little illness causes anxiety. But his constitution is still marvellous.

A telegram from a New York correspondent announces the death on the 4th ult. of Mrs. Annie Yeomans, one of the oldest and best-known of American actresses. She remained in Australia many years, also, playing in the Straits Settlements, Hongkong, Yokohama, and other towns in the Far East.

The Japan "Herald" publishes a report that since the 16th ult., a large quantity of alluvial gold has been washed up on the shores of Kimitu-gun, Chiba, Japan. It is stated that Mr. Aie, mining engineer in Shizuka, has rented the foreshore over an area of about 80,000 isbu from the villagers, and that he has applied to the Tokyo Mining Inspection Office for sanction to carry on alluvial mining.

The naval patrolling of the Mekran coast line has been continued during the whole of the cold weather, with a view to preventing gun-running from Muscat. It is believed that excellent results have again been obtained and that the trade in rifles and ammunition is languishing. Reports from Afghanistan do not mention any caravans having been sent to Perso-Baluchistan.

From Ottawa, the death is announced, at the age of 78, of Mr. William Miller, a Senator for Nova Scotia. He was one of the Fathers of the Canadian Federation. Born in 1834, he was called to the Bar in 1860 and took silk twelve years later. Speaker of the Senate from 1883 to 1891, he was the senior member of the House, having been summoned to it by Royal Proclamation in 1897. Mr. Miller was the last survivor of those summoned with him on that occasion.

The death of Inspector-General Mahon, C.B., who played an important part in many events which now form part of the history of our Empire, recalls the black day on Majuba Hill. Entering the Royal Navy in 1873 as a surgeon, he was present at Laing's Nek, and for his gallant conduct at Majuba Hill he was promoted to the rank of staff surgeon. He served in Egypt in 1882, receiving the Egyptian Medal and Tol-el-Kebir clasp. A medal was his reward for services during the Burmese War in 1885 to 1887, and later he contracted the terrible beri-beri. He recovered from the attack but only at the expense of a shattered constitution.

CH'ING-MING.

An Impression.

Yesterday was Ch'ing-ming, or day of pure brightness, when the Chinese delight to honour their dead and pay their annual visit to the quaint horse-shoe-shaped graves wherein their forebears rest. Those out on the hills yesterday would have seen many an observance of this quaint custom all over the country side, and the writer saw all there was to be seen on the shores of Sywan Bay.

Taking the bridge path at the Shaikwan terminus of the tram-line he mingled with the crowd of Chinese who followed the road to the thickly populated burying place through which the road runs, and in which tiers upon tiers of graves are packed as closely as possible. It was a motley throng that passed along the generally deserted road. All carried something, from a pig with gilt ears to bundles of paper mysteries, whose significance is only appreciated by the celestial mind. The writer being alone had to guess what it all meant. Paper caps, highly coloured like those the youngsters wore, bundles of coloured tissue, jaggots of joss sticks, eggs, slices of pork, dried fish, crackers and an occasional bottle went to complete the burden of many who trod the hill side.

Here and there a spluttering candle in the undergrowth, and hum of voices spoke of some grave, well high swallowed up in the rank vegetation, which was still remembered. In fact many graves were found which the writer never knew existed though the road is familiar enough. Then it was that the use of the hoos and axes that many carried was comprehended. The graves were cleared for another year, while candles burned and joss-sticks smouldered.

The scene at Sywan Bay was nothing if not quaint. The graves there are closely ranked in tiers with a little pathway at the foot of each row, and here squatted groups of mourners, with sticks set in the ground before them keeping up an undercurrent of chatter to the accompaniment of cracker-firing and the burning of the paper garments, naturalizing them for the use of the dead.

There appeared to be little of mourning as the European understands it, about the whole matter and the throng seemed quite like a quiet holiday crowd at home, yet underlying it all was a remembrance of the dead and a desire that their graves should not be forsaken. In only one instance did the writer see a grave untended and as he passed it he thought of the neglected crowd of weather beaten gray stones at Stanley that mark the resting place of the pioneers of this British colony.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Yesterday—Good Friday—there were special services at Churches of all denominations. Yesterday was also the Ch'ing Ming festival, and the Chinese celebrated the occasion in the customary manner. To-day being a Government holiday, and Monday a Bank holiday, business has practically been suspended for three days.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway has made special excursion arrangements, and each day of the holidays an extra train leaves Kowloon at 10.15 a.m. On Monday the Lusitano Club Sports are to be held and the same afternoon the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves are to hold their annual shoot.

The Bijou and Victoria Theatres have special programmes and the Sisters Price appear at the former, and the Queens at the latter.

Notwithstanding his greatness in size, Lord Haldane, the Secretary for War, is a great walker. Walking is hereditary with the Haldanes. A clergyman once referred in public to one of Lord Haldane's relatives as "our venerable and feeble" friend. "Venerable and feeble" friend sought occasion to get the minister out for a walk, and to use a colloquialism, "almost walked him off his legs."

"THE MESSIAH."

St. John's Cathedral was filled to the utmost last evening when music from Handel's Messiah was rendered by a chorus of eighty-six voices. The selections comprised nearly the whole of the second part of the work and the choruses, generally speaking, were excellently sung. The balance throughout was well maintained, but the attack was slightly ragged in one or two of the items. Mrs. T. E. Perkins gave an admirable rendering of "He was despised," her fine contralto being put to good use in this beautiful passage. His Excellency Mr. Claud Severn made light of the difficulties in "Thy Rebuke hath broken His heart," a recitative which he gave with telling effect as he did also the air "Behold and see," Mrs. Hunter was in fine form and except for one slight slip gave an exceptionally good rendering of "He was cut off" and "Thou didst not leave His soul in Hell," in the latter especially using her pleasing voice to great advantage.

Special notice is deserved by the performance of Master T. Martin, who sang probably the most difficult solo in the work "I know that my Redeemer liveth." It was one of the best items of the evening and he deserves great praise for the way in which he rendered a solo that has taxed many a mature professional. "O Death where is thy Sting?" was allotted to Mr. H. T. Best and Mr. C. Pearce both of whom acquitted themselves satisfactorily.

The collection, taken up, was for the Organ Fund.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Saint John's Cathedral.

The Services in St. John's Cathedral on April 7, Easter Day, will be as follows:—Holy Communion (Choral), 7.30 a.m. and 7.45 a.m. at the Peak Church; Matins, 11 a.m. Holy Communion 11.45 a.m. Preacher:—The Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 5.45 p.m. Preacher:—The Right Rev. Bishop Banister, D.D.

THE COLONY'S COLONY'S FINANCES

Figures for January.

The following is the financial statement for the month of January:—

Revenue and Expenditure.	
Balance of assets and liabilities on Dec. 31, 1911	\$1,820,978.00
Revenue from Jan. 1 to 31, 1912	714,958.42
Total	\$2,541,937.38
Expenditure from Jan. 1 to 31, 1912	\$422,760.52
Balance	\$2,119,176.86
Assets and Liabilities on January 31, 1912.	
Liabilities.	
Deposits not Available	\$242,995.43
Crown Agents' Advances	3,593,902.04
Postal Agencies in China	86,643.41
Total Liabilities	9,923,540.88
Balance	2,119,176.86
Total	\$6,042,717.74
Assets.	
Balance, Bank	\$266,776.88
Subsidiary Coins	366,982.55
Advances	5,672.89
Imprest	29,490.00
Railway Construction	5,122,053.57
House Service Account	629.22
Crown Agents' Current Account	3,197.87
Unallocated Stores	247,470.77
Exchange Account	463.90
Total	\$6,042,717.74

Exemptions from vaccination in England and Wales have risen from 162,799 in 1906 to 230,947 in 1910. For the first half of 1911 they were at the rate of 238,370 for the year.

A SILK MYSTERY.

Supposed Huge Theft.

A certain amount of mystery attends the disappearance of 351 cases of silk from the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s "Empire," which has just come to light. It appears that the silk was taken on board in Japan and as is customary was safely stowed, together with other valuables, in the ship's strong room and when the room was visited on Thursday morning in Hongkong it was found that the lock of the door was broken off and a cargo port opened.

Working the cargo was ceased for the day on Wednesday evening at about 6.30 o'clock and the usual watch was set for the night. But how the goods came to be missing is a mystery. It is surmised that during the night of April 3, 1912, the morning of the "Empire" was alongside the cargo port in question, and, after obtaining by forcing the port, the thieves would then have access to the door of the strongroom and it would only be necessary to break the lock. This being done the thirty-five cases could be lowered into the junk. If the surmise is correct, there must have been quite a number of men at work on the job, as a case of silk is worth rather more than one man can handle in ordinary circumstances, and in this instance it may have been done quite noiselessly, for the crew were apparently not disturbed at all.

The matter was, we understand, reported to the police, who have it well in hand.

KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The following are the minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board Room, on March 30, 1912:—

Present:—Messrs. W. H. Walsby (Chairman), Capt. H. B. B. Hurst, J. S. Fenwick, W. R. M. P. Parr, H. F. Rankin, the Health Officer, and the Secretary, Mr. C. Berkeley Mitchell.

1. The minutes of the last meeting (on the 5th inst.) and the minutes of a special meeting held on the 12th inst., are read and confirmed.

2. A letter is read from Mr. Wong Teng-sin, and the Secretary is directed to inform him that the Council are prepared to consider the "proof" of the charge contained in his letter, if he will attend at the next meeting of the Council.

3. A letter is read from the French Postmaster, concerning the sub-post office at Chambo, established at the French Post Office.

4. Correspondence is read and considered from Mr. Pions, of Messrs. Siemssen & Co., Hongkong, and from the Tsang Kwong Company, concerning electric light.

5. Letters are read from the Asiatic Petroleum Co. concerning the use of Aladdin lamps for street lighting, and offering to give a demonstration of their working. The Council accept of their offer, and the Secretary is directed to arrange with the company for such demonstration.

6. Correspondence between Messrs. Bauer and Parkin, and Mr. J. P. Morley, and the Council, concerning the hours of street lamps are kept burning, is read, and also with Mr. Bauer with reference to the police regulation concerning the carrying of lights after 12 midnight.

7. The Secretary is directed to inform Miss Kransenburg, the Municipal Visiting Nurse, that her steamer sails from Amoy about the 25th inst., the Council consent to her agreement to call on that date.

8. The Captain Superintendent reports that the following resolutions have been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last meeting:—

Summary Arrests.

Theft: 2. Illegally removing soil: 1.

Summons.

Arrest: 2. Debt: 3. Allowing

MANILA BLAZE.

A Wonderful Spectacle.

The following account of the great fire at Manila, telegrams in regard to which were sent by our correspondent, is from the "Cable News-American" of April 2.

For the first time in history, Manila has had an opportunity to witness the grandeur of a tremendous conflagration without its suffering and hardships which go with the usual fire, and it seems that all Manila has taken advantage of the opportunity.

Sunday night, shortly after eight o'clock, fire was discovered by the Indian watchman at the yards of the Standard Oil Company at Pandacan, in one of the two large bodegas in which was stored over three hundred thousand cases of illuminating oil. By nine o'clock, two of the bodegas were in flames, one of them containing thirty thousand cases of gasoline.

An alarm was turned in shortly after nine o'clock from the box directly opposite the Pandacan church, and three companies of the fire department responded, to find themselves pitted against only a hopeless proposition. Several lines of hose were laid out, one from the only fire plug in the vicinity, about two thousand feet from the scene of the fire, and others from the river front, where four bureau of navigation launches were put into service. One of the major engines was sent to the water front, and kept two streams in operation.

Chief Dingman and Assistant Chief Samuelson arrived immediately after the alarm was sounded. Taking a quick survey of the situation and seeing the hopelessness of attempting to put the fire out, Chief Dingman ordered every available nozzle turned on one of the large bodegas which had not caught fire, and upon several thousand cases of oil and gasoline which were stored in the open to the rear of the burning buildings to prevent the intense heat from igniting them.

There being no houses in the immediate vicinity of the burning oil, and but little danger from flying sparks because of the dead calm which prevailed, the attention of the entire department was concentrated on the exposed oil, with the result that although the heat was terrific and perhaps great enough to have caused an explosion in one of the outlying bodegas, they were saved.

From a distance the spectacle presented by the burning mass was one of pure grandeur. A tower of smoke rose straight into the air for a thousand feet, then spread out on all sides in the form of a gigantic umbrella. Near the base of the column sheets of flame darted here and there, sometimes flaring up high into the air as new sections of the vast store of fuel penetrated. As the cans of oil exploded jets of living fire shot through the mass of smoke, giving the impression of a huge "flower pot" of fireworks, a hundred times greater than the wildest dream of the Chinese mastermaker of pyrotechnics.

To the closer spectators the burning pile took on many weird shapes as explosion followed explosion, and the cause became a burning mountain. The cases of oil were stacked one upon another to a height of about seventy-five feet. As the boxes in which the cans were packed burned away and fell to the ground in charred bits, the bare cans were exposed to the merciless flames, which soon heated them to a livid red. Suddenly a perfect Niagara of living flame swept down the side of the pile—a solid sheet a hundred feet long, which spread out and cascaded through the blackened tins near the bottom. Before the eye comprehended the beauty of the scene, the wave of flame shot upward and mingled with the black smoke that seemed to rear in the very skies, leaving the blackened and charred boxes and cans for the moment naked, only to be again flooded as wave upon wave of the burning fluid rushed in a blinding flash, then upward to be lost in the clouds overhead.

Contrary to the fears of the spectators, there was not the slightest danger of an explosion, as the heat was not confined and

went upward as fast as generated. Even the thousands of cases of gasoline failed to make an explosion of any account, although at times an ominous hissing and sputtering caused those nearest the flames to hurry to places of safety.

At press time last night the huge pile was still burning with apparently the same intensity, and again thousands of sight-seers visited the region to witness the fire at close range.

Neither Manager Dwyll nor any one connected with the company can offer an explanation of the cause of the fire. Bursting out in a sheet of flame from the very top of a huge pile of cans away from all fire and protected by a galvanized iron roof, the cause of it will probably remain a mystery.

SHARE REPORT.

Again there has been a steady investment demand for local stocks throughout the week and in many instances at an increase on quotations given in our last report. Rubber is quoted from London at 4/11 per lb. and the market closed on the easy side.

Bar Silver is quoted at 27.18 for ready, firm.

Exchange on London is 1/11.3-1-6 T.T.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank have been booked at \$350 and more shares can be placed at this rate; the London price is £83.

Marine Insurance.—Unions are in request at \$800. North Chinas after sales at 1/15 close in demand at this figure. Yangtzes are unchanged at \$210. Cantons have changed hands at \$200.

Fire Insurance.—China Fires are a firm market at \$127. Hongkong Fires have sellers at \$331. Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have sold at \$26.14 and \$26.12 and more shares are wanted at the latter rate. Shell Transports have risen to 105/- at which figure a large business has been done. Indo-Chinas are steady at \$77; the London buying rate is \$7.10. China and Manilas are offering at \$12. Star Ferries are in demand at \$30 for the old and \$19 for the new issue.

Mining.—Rubba have sold at \$4. Langkats have buyers at 73/-; the output for the month of March is 14,510 tons.

Refineries.—China Sugar have been booked at various rates up to \$110 and close in demand. Luzons are a strong market at \$31.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong Docks have buyers at \$44. Kowloon Wharves have sold at \$57 and there are further sellers at this rate. Shanghai Docks have declined to 55. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have sold at \$102, the market closing with buyers and no sellers except at an advance. Kowloon Lands and West Points are wanted at \$35 and \$55 respectively. Hongkong Hotels have buyers at \$106 (old) and \$67 (new).

Cotton Mills.—Hongkong Cottons have sold at \$5.00. Ewo's remain unchanged at 91.

Miscellaneous.—Cements at 4-3-4. China Borneos at \$10. Dairy Farms at \$21. China Providents at 7.1-2 are all in strong demand.

Quotations received by wire from London to-day:—

Middle price.
Tronohs 73/8 Cum
div. 2/6
Anglo-Malays 16/0
Linggis 30/-
London Asiatas 11/6
Merlimau 3/0
United Lankats 104/-
United Serdangs 110/-
Wright & Hornby,
Share and General Brokers.

As Monday, April 8, is the anniversary of the birthday of H. M. Albert I, King of the Belgians, the Belgian Consul in Hongkong will be at Home at his office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the summer the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will make a tour through Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, visiting the prairie provinces and British Columbia.

REGIMENTAL RACES.

K.O.Y.L.I. MEETING.

There was but a poor attendance when the flag fell for the first race of the K.O.Y.L.I. meeting, held this afternoon. The stands were gaily decorated with bunting and flowers. Many smart costumes and millinery creations were to be seen among the fair racegoers. The band of the regiment discoursed music between the events. The list of officials was as follows:—

Stewards.—The Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club officiated; Lieut.-Col. L. A. Hamilton; Capt. R. E. Boulton; Capt. F. J. G. Agg; Capt. H. K. Hughes; Mr. J. A. Jervois.

Judges.—Major-General C. A. Anderson, C.B.; W. D. Jupp, Esq.

Starters.—H. J. Gedde, Esq.; G. C. Moxon, Esq.

Clerk of the Scales.—Capt. F. J. G. Agg.

Handicappers.—T. S. Forrest, Esq.; D. M. Ross, Esq.

Timekeeper.—M. S. Sassoon, Esq.

Clerk of the Course.—Capt. H. K. Hughes.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie won the first race with Mogul chief, Knoll riding a well judged race. Lots of Time was second, five lengths away. The placings were:—

The Flying Stakes.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Mogul Chief 11st. 6lb. (Knoll) 1

Mr. Ching's Lots of Time 11st. 1lb. (Kromer) 2

Mr. Brutton's Ashington 11st. 3lb. (Dupree) 3

Mr. Friesland's Rheinland 11st. 1lb. (Jervois) 0

Comdr. Lamb's Fanling 11st. 6lb. (Gragg) 0

Mr. Michael's Reformer 11st. 1lb. (Seth) 0

Mr. R. Turpin's Firebrand 10st. 12lb. (Whitmore) 0

Mr. J. W. Taylor's Sunny 10st. 9lb. (Gresson) 0

5lbs. penalty.

Rheinland got away, but passing The Rock resigned the lead to Mogul Chief who made the best of the inside position and, never again being headed, won comfortably by five lengths, Ashington a length away third. Time 1 min. 12.5 sec.

Pari Mutuel, winner's dividend \$25.

(No Place Betting.)

Durban Plate.

Messrs. Hughes and Jervois' Snow Glory 10st 10lb. (Jervois) 1

Mr. Gresson's Rosyth 11st 3lb (Gresson) 2

Mr. Brutton's Joss Mighty 11st 3lb (Dupree) 3

Mr. Collis Browne's Dylluan, 10st 11lb. (Owner) 0

Mr. Rolason's Anchenlodon, 10st 13lb. (Gegg) 0

Mr. Ace's Brushwood Boy 10st 10st. (Seth) 0

Mr. A. R. Lowe's Berlingham, 10st 4lb. (Kromer) 0

Mr. Blank's Oddson 10st 2lb (Whitmore) 0

Mr. Gilpin's Snowdrift 11st 6lb. (Knoll) 0

Snow Glory led from the fall of the flag and won pulling up from Rosyth by three lengths, a length separating second and third.

Time 1 min. 23 Sec.

Pari Mutuel winner ... \$42

AN ACCIDENT.

In the Farewell Handicap Favonius and Rosyth were finishing dead level on the post when Rosyth either crossed his legs or collided with Favonius and came to the ground. Mr. Pepys, the rider of Rosyth, received serious injuries to his collar bone.

CRICKET.

Hongkong Cricket League
The following is the League table to date:—

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
1 Craigengower	14	9	2	3	30
2 Civil Service	14	8	6	0	24
3 Kowloon	14	8	5	2	23
4 R. G. A.	13	5	3	5	20
5 Naval Yard	14	5	9	0	15
6 R. E.	12	4	6	2	14
7 H. K. Police	12	4	8	0	12
8 K.O.Y.L.I.	11	2	5	3	9

N. B.—A win—3 points, A draw—1 point.

Kowloon Cricket Club.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will be "at home" on Monday, when a match will be played with H.M.S. Minotaur starting at 10.30 a.m. The Kowloon Team will be:—Rev. Foster Peck, Lieut. N. J. Williams, Dr. Chas Forsyth, F. Sutton, J. P. Robinson, R. T. Thirfield, W. Wesson, A. F. R. Raven, W. T. Elson, K. McAskill and J. H. Mead (Capt.)—Reserve D. J. Mackenzie.

By kind permission of the officers the Band of H.M.S. Minotaur will play during the afternoon.

HERE'S LUCK.

The Electric Cocktail. If electricians and doctors are permitted to go on their way unchecked then, says the Glasgow Weekly Herald, "we may bid farewell to the celebrated dictum of the poet that 'two tippeny we fear are evil, but usquebaugh would face the devil.' 'Tippony,' of course, has gone, but its equally potent relative beer has made an effective substitute, although up to the present no master versifier has arisen to sing its praises. Much has been heard, of late years especially regarding what is termed the insidious paths of alcohol. Learned physicians and temperance reformers have given voice to gloomy lucubrations on what the ordinary individual regards as a genial habit—namely, that of "standing drinks." That the custom has associated with it many evils is admitted. Medical men who have made a study of the subject tell us that a course of "nip, nipping" of whisky or beer or wine is bad for the mind as well as for the body. Sir Thomas B. Shaw said in his recent address on alcohol and the young man in business that "alcohol robs the body of warmth." That may be, but one may be pardoned for supposing that on some of the typically small Scotch evenings the "drop of the cratur" taken in time may possess—so far as colds and chills are concerned—as much virtue as the famous stich which saves nine. Of course, it must be confessed that they never take it at the North Pole; but it is just a question whether it might not be a good thing for them if they did. We can let that problem pass in the meantime. Electricians, it seems, have entered the field and, according to certain reports, may make a serious effort to oust the retailer of alcoholic stimulants. We are informed that Nikola Tesla, the great scientist, has invented a mysterious material which is named the "electric cocktail." It is credited with marvellous powers of renewing one's energy. A London scientist has told an interviewer that "there is no drink like it." For half a sovereign you can get a full outfit of "battery fitted with sponge," and if you merely pass the latter over the fact the stimulating effect beats all sorts and conditions of alcoholic drinks hollow. So the scientific gentleman has said, and let us hope he may be able to prove his statement. No one would object to the reduction in expenditure which is promised by the possession of this outfit. Further, there is a decided advantage attached to being able to carry one's own stimulant in the waistcoat pocket, but it savours too much of selfishness and immobility. After all there is a lot to be said for the latter element in human life, and it is difficult to imagine the weird electric cocktail encouraging the continuance of a "crack." On the whole, until we have some more decided proof of the electric cocktail's stimulating powers, the consensus of opinion—and taste—may be expected to favour the ancient and well-tried ale or usquebaugh.

which is marching on Peking on behalf of the Mongols, has sent a detachment into Tibet. In any case the Dalai Lama is still at Kalimpong, unwilling to go to Lhasa in spite of the entreaties of Tibetans.

At Aix-la-Chapelle Oscar Fockenberg collected a file of 10,000 newspapers. Some years ago he hit on the excellent idea of founding a newspaper museum, and, with this object in view, sent a circular round, asking the newspaper world to assist him in his great work. The continental press seem to have responded with enthusiasm and now there is no greater collection of newspapers existing.

DON'T FORGET.

Saturday, April 6.
K.O.Y.L.I. Race Meeting at Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, April 7.
Easter Sunday.

Monday, April 8.
Bank Holiday.

Tuesday, April 9.
Auction Sale, Crown Land, P. W. Department, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10.
V. R. C. Sports, entries close.

Saturday April 13.
V.R.C. Boxing Tournament.

Tuesday April 23.
Ordinance Annual Meeting, Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., noon. Annual General meeting China Traders Insurance Company Ltd. 12.30 p.m.

To day's

Advertisements

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1912.

HONGKONG WEEKLY TELEGRAPH.

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To-day's Advertisement

NOTICE.

MONDAY, April 8th, being the Birthday Anniversary of H.M. ALBERT I, King of the Belgians, the Belgian Consul in Hongkong will be at Home at his office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1912.

LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB.

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Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.

The Committee have much pleasure in inviting the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Colony to their Sports at the Race Course (by kind permission of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club) on EASTER MONDAY, 8th inst., commencing at 1 p.m. There will be two open events:—

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By kind permission of Lieut. Col. A. Baxby and officers, the Band of the 8th Rajputs will play during the afternoon.

By courtesy of the Management there will be special tram cars.

C. M. S. ALVES, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1912.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Fire Insurance Offices will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 6th, 8th and 9th inst.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1912.

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SANDAKAN MAUSANG* ... Thursday, 18th April, Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & KUTSANG* ... Tuesday, 23rd April, Noon.
MOJI YUENSANG* ... Saturday, 27th April, Noon.
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OHI & YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU, Capt. N. Teranaka, T. 7,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. I. Iizawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon TUESDAY, 23rd April, at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU, Capt. T. M. Winkler, T. 5,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sotino, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon WEDNESDAY, 10th May, Noon.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	MIZAKI MARU, Capt. Mami, T. 9,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sotino, T. 5,000	THURSDAY, 11th April, at 11 A.M. WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	TENSHIN MARU, Capt. I. Hori, T. 4,000	SUNDAY, 14th April.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU, Capt. Y. Nomura, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April.
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SANUKI MARU	7,000	N. Teranaka	April 9th.
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NINGPO & CHINEKIANG	"WUHU"	10th " 4 P.M.
TSINGTAU & NEWCHANG	"SHAOHSING"	10th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	11th " 4 P.M.
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S.S. C. F. LAEISZ ... 10th May

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Tjilamook	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half Apr.
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S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	May 28th, Noon.
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LOG BOOK.

General Notes.

Concurrently with its decision to build an additional deep-water dock, of which the King has graciously consented to out the first sod in July, the Port of London Authority is taking steps to extend in other directions the facilities offered to shipping. The Port Authority, having regard to the growing demand by port-cargo vessels for the means of unloading at riverside berths in the Thames, and being satisfied that the provision of some such accommodation would be at once a convenience to trade and a method of, to some extent, relieving the congestion which the docks frequently experience, has resolved to construct a riverside jetty at Tilbury. The site which has been chosen forms a part of the Authority's riverside land, which is convenient, inasmuch as a large portion of the port-cargo vessels now coming to London use the Tilbury Dock, and all the existing railway and other facilities at the dock will be available for vessels using the jetty. The size and design of the new jetty are to be determined finally after consultation with the shipowners and the traders who are likely to use it.

The "Japan Gazette" of March 18 contains the following in regard to the attempted salvage of the str. Madeline Rickmers, which is grounded off Vries Island, Japan.—The Yamashita Marine Engineering Office of Tokyo is reported to have been entrusted by Messrs. Simon, Evers & Co. with the salvage of the German str. Madeline Rickmers which is lying on a rock off Senzamura, Vries Island. The steamer Kannon-maru, having on board salvage implements and 150 workmen has been despatched from Tokyo to the scene of the accident. Mr. W. Vohling, who proceeded to Vries Island by a launch of Messrs. Helm Bros. on Friday last, returned here this afternoon by the tugboat Noge-maru, belonging to the Yokohama Dock Co. Messrs. Helm Bros' launch is unable to leave the island on account of rough weather. Captain Tiptoe, Lloyd's Surveyor, has not returned to Yokohama. It is said that the steamer has a list of about twenty degrees. It was learned in Kobe yesterday that on account of the rough weather which has prevailed in the neighbourhood of Vries Island during the last few days, the position of the Madeline Rickmers has been rendered a great deal more serious since the foregoing report was published. It appears that the salvage steamer Kannon-maru was unable to reach the wrecked steamer on account of the high seas, which were running, and was compelled to put back to Tokyo. The work of unloading the vessel, in the hope thereby of lightening her sufficiently to be refloated, has been suspended for the same reason, we understand, and according to most recent advices from Yokohama, it was even considered advisable to bring the captain and the rest of the crew ashore, lest a storm come up and render their rescue difficult. Whether the ship has been altogether abandoned and yet remains afloat, or whether it has been wrecked, is not yet known. It is probable that the ship will be raised.

FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

BRITISH.					
Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander
Ancority	Despatch-boat	1,700	4	2,000	Comdr. A. Lowndes
Astrea	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Captain E. B. Kiddle
Atlas	Admiralty tug	615	—	1,400	—
Bramble	Gunboat	710	—	900	Comr. B. G. Washington
Butomart	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. J. M. Barker
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. H. Lynes
Cambrion	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Capt. J. E. Drummond
Cherub	Water tank and tug	390	—	340	Master W. Smith
Clio	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Comdr. H. R. Veale
Fame	Torpedo-boat destroyer	340	8	5,700	Lt.-Com. H. S. Monroe
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.
Handy	Torpedo boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. R. R. Rosoman
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	320	6	3,000	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell
Kent	Armoured cruiser	9,800	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt
Kinsha	River gunboat	618	—	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt
Minotaur	Armoured cruiser	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. F. C. G. Pasco
Monmouth	Armoured cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,300	—	22,000	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O.
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Comdr. Lambie
Pegasus	Protected cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. F. H. Mitchell
Prometheus	3rd class cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. P. H. Warleigh
Ribble	T.B.D.	590	6	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. S. Tyndall
Rosario	Despatch-ship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. E. J. J. Touthby
Saipa	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	305	—	6,000	Lt.-Comdr. Brickenden
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,050	6	—	Comdr. Eyres
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Com. Hon. Guy Stopford
Thistle	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. M. Baillie Hamilton
Uak	T.B.D.	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. B. W. Bluet
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	300	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Com. R. L. Hancock
Welland	T.B.D.	590	—	57,000	Lt.-Com. E. L. Chambers
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	5	5,000	Lt.-Com. G. B. Hartford
Widgeon	Gunboat	105	2	800	Comdr. M. H. Wilding
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Mulock
Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Winsloe, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G.					
Submarines—					
No. 36	Lieut.-Comdr. Godfrey Herbert				
No. 37	Lieut.-Comdr. A. A. L. Fenner				
No. 38	Lieut.-Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington				
T.B. 035	Lieut.-Comdr. Woodward	West River.			
T.B. 036	Lieut.-Comdr. Davies	West River.			
T.B. 037	Lieut.-Comdr. Nicol	West River.			
T.B. 038	Lieut.-Comdr. Seymour	West River.			

AMERICAN.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander
Adder	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. M. Murray
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	17	7,000	Com. O. S. Williams
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign E. S. Root
Barry	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	En. Robt. W. Cabaniss
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign Stuart W. Oaks
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign L. N. McNair
Chattanooga	Protected cruiser	3,100	10	4,700	Com. John D. McDonald
Cleveland	Protected cruiser	3,100	10	4,700	Com. Hugh Rodman
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign F. J. Fletcher
Deceatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	8	—	Ensign O. S. Graves
El Cano	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. Com. W. D. Brotherton
Holena	Gunboat	1,307	18	1,800	Com. R. O. Biler
Juiros	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. J. W. Schoenfeld
Minoro	Gunboat	170	5	—	Lieut. O. A. Woodruff
Moccasin	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign E. D. Whorier
Mohican	Station ship	1,900	—	5,244	Ensign Robt. V. Lowe
Monadnock	Monitor	4,084	4	5,200	Com. H. A. Bispham
Monterey	Cruiser	3,430	25	—	Com. William G. Miller
New Orleans	Gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. George C. Pogram
Pampanga	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign L. O. Van de Carr
Porpoise	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. J. W. Schoenfeld
Quinos	Gunboat	6,206	14	—	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell
Rainbow	Cruiser	242	8	250	Ensign N. H. Goss
Samar	Gunboat	8,160	25	7,075	Comdr. H. L. Jayne
Saratoga	Protected cruiser	—	—	—	Ensign Henry M. Jensen
Shark	Submarine	370	0	500	Lieut. W. L. Friedell
Villalobos	Gunboat	1,397	20	1,804	Comdr. W. A. Edgar
Wilmington	Gunboat	—	—	—	—
Flagship of Rear-Adm. John Hubbard, Commander-in-Chief U.S. Asiatic Fleet.					

GERMAN.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander
Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	36	26,000	Captain v. Usslar
Ilia	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Varselov
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behnke
Luca	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen
Scharnhorst	Flingship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Rosing
S. 90	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lat. Berrenberg
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Oblt. z. S. Claassen
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Luppe
Teisigtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lut. Frlr Firoks
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Oblt. z. S. Prinz

FRENCH.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander
Dupleix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—
Kleber	1st Class cruiser	9,700	12	18,600	—
Decidoe	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. de Linars
Argus	River gunboat	180	8	570	Lieut. d'Estienne
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Biscail
Paiho	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Puech
Ekturgeon	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Marrs
Perle	Submarine	500	—	—	—
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Morris
Slyx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lieut. Seriot
Fronda	Destroyer	850	7	303	—
d'Irville	Destroyer	250	9	—	—
Takou	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. Mortenol
Pistolet	Destroyer	307	8	300	Lt. de la R. Keranderson
Mousquet	Destroyer	—	—	—	—
Vanban	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lieut. Bihel
Veteran	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—
Manche	Surveying-ship	1,825	10	8,000	Com. Ragot de Touche
Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.					
Flagship of Commodore Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.					

PORTUGUESE.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins
Patia	Gunboat	700	—	—	Captain J. Milheiro

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, April 5, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Item	Unit	Price
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	lb. 20	20
" Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk	" 20	20
" Roast, — Shiu	" 20	20
" Breast, — Ngau Lam	" 10	10
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	" 15	15
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	" 20	20
" do. — Sirloin Cotom — Ngau Lau	" 30	30
" Sausages, — Ngau Chuan	" 24	24
Bullock's Brains, — Know	per set. 9	9
" Tongue fresh, — Ngau Li	each 45	45
" corned, — Ham Ngau Li	" 60	60
" Head, — Ngau Tau	" 12	12
" Bump, Salt, — Ngau Kiu	" 18	18
" Feet, — Ngau Kask	" 9	9
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	" 18	18
" Tail, — Ngau Moi	" 12	12
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	" 12	12
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	" 6	6
Calvo Head & Feet, — Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1	1
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Poi Kwat	lb. 22	22
" Leg, — Yeung Poi	" 22	22
" Shoulder, — Yeung Shau	" 22	22
Pigs Chitlings, — Chu Chong	" 20	20
" Brains, — Chu Know	per set. 24	24
" Feet, — Chu Kark	lb. 12	12
" Fry, — Chu Chak	" 15	15
" Head, — Chu Tau	" 15	15
" Heart, — Chu Sam	each 13	13
" Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	" 9	9
" Liver, — Chu Con	lb 30	30
Pork Chop, — Chu Poi Kwat	" 20	20
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	" 24	24
" Leg, — Chu Poi	" 15	15
" Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	" 15	15
Sheep Head and Feet, — Yeung Tau Kark	set 50	50
" Heart, — Yeung Sum	each 6	6
" Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	" 9	9
" Liver, — Yeung Con	lb 24	24
Sucking Pigs, To Order — Chu Chai	" 22	22
Suet, Beef — Sang Ngau Yau	" 20	20
" Mutton, — Sang Yeung Yau	" 22	22
" Veal, — Ngau Chai Yik	" 20	20
" Sausages, — Ngau Chai Chuan	" 20	20

POULTRY.

Item	Unit	Price
Chicken, — Kai Chai	lb 32	32
Capons, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	" 27	27
Ducks, — Ap	each 27	27
Doves, — Pan Kau	each 24	24
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan	per doz 35	35
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb 32	32
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	" 27	27
Geese, — Ngai	pair 1	1
Geese, Wild, — Shing-ho Yea Ngai	each 1	1
Musks, — Wong Keng	each 1	1
Hare, Shanghai, — Tu Chai	" 70	70
Partridge, — Che Khoo	pair \$ 170	170
Pheasant, — Shan Kai	each 35	35
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kip	dozen 25	25
" Hoihow, — Hoi How Pak Kip	" 23	23
Quail, — Um Chiu	dozen 25	25
Rice Birds, — Wo Fa Cheu	each 25	25
Saipa, — Sa Choy	lb 51	51
Turkeys, Cook, — Phor Kai Kung	" 05	05
" Hen, — Na	" 05	05
Wild Ducks, Shai, — Shang hoi Sui Ap	" 1	1
Teal, — Sui Ap Chai	" 1	1
Wild Ducks Canton, — Sang Shing Sui Ap	" 1	1

FISH.

Item	Unit	Price
Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb 9	9
Bream, — Bin Yu	" 15	15
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	" 15	15
Carp, — Li Yu	" 20	20
Catfish, — Chik Yu	" 18	18
Odish, — Mun Yu	" 18	18
Crabs, — Hai	" 20	20
Cuttle Fish, — Muk Yu	" 15	15
Dab, — Sa Mang Yu	" 16	16
Dace, — Wong Mei Lun	" 11	11
Dog Fish, — Tit Tu Sa	" 8	8
Eels, Congor, — Hoi Mann	" 15	15
" Fresh water, — Tam Sin Yu	" 51	51
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	" 28	28
Frogs, — Tien Kai	" 32	32
Garoupa, — Sok Pan	" 50	50
Gudgeon, — Pak Kip Yu	" 12	12
Herrings, — Tao Pak	" 18	18
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kup	" 28	28
Labrus, — Wong Ka Yu	" 10	10
Loach, — Wu Yu	" 28	28
Lobsters, — Lung Ha	" 24	24
Macarel, — Chi Yu	" 28	28
Munk Fish, — Mong Yu	" 15	15
Mullet, — Chai Yu	" 15	15
Oysters, — Sang Hoo	" 20	20
Parrotfish, — Kai Kung Yu	" 18	18
Peroi, — Tau Loo	" 15	15
Pike, — Fa Paw Poong	" 18	18
Plaice, — Pan Yu	" 18	18
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	" 24	24
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	" 28	28
Pawns, — Ming Ha	" 45	45
Ray, — Pa Pa Sa	" 9	9
Rock Fish, — Bak Ka Kung	" 15	15
Salmon, — Ma Yau Yu	" 15	15

肉食

Item	Unit	Price
Shark, — Sa Yu	" 9	9
Skate, — Po Yu	" 10	10
Shrimps, — Ha	" 22	22
Snapper, — Lap Yu	" 24	24
Solos, — Tat Sa Yu	" 20	20
Tench, — Wan Yu	" 18	18
Turbot, — Cho How Yu	" 20	20
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kork Yu	" 50	50
White Bait, — Ngau Yu Chai	" 1	1

FRUITS

			Ots.	
Almonds, — Hung Yau...	...	lb.	28	杏仁
Apples (California) — Kom San Ping Kho	...	"	15	金生苹果
" (Chefoo) — Tin Chun Ping Kho	...	"	—	天津苹果
" Small, — Hoi Tong	...	"	—	海棠
" Custard, — Fan Lai Ohi	...	each	—	番荔枝
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heung Chiu	lb. 3			城香蕉
" (brides), Macao, — San Heung Chiu	...	"	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lut	...	"	15	板栗
Carambola, — Yeung Tue	...	"	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts, — Yeh Tso	...	each	12	椰子
Lemons, China, — Ning Moong	...	"	8	檸檬
" American, — Kum San Ning Moon	...	"	0	金山檸檬
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	...	b	25	荔枝干
" Fresh	...	"	—	荔枝
Limes, (Saigon) — Sai Kung Ning Moong	...	each	12	西貢青
Mango, Manila, — Lui Sung Mong	...	"	10	呂宋
Mangosteens, — San Chuk Tso	...	doz	—	山竹
Oranges, (Canton) — San-shing Tim Ching	...	lb	0	省城甜橙
" Sweet	...	"	13	橙
Pears, (American), — Kam San Shoot Lay	...	"	—	金山班梨
" (Canton), Cooking, — Sa Lay	...	"	10	沙梨
Peanuts, — Fa Sang	...	"	10	花生
Persimmons Large, — Hung Chio	...	"	—	紅柿
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Poon Ti Paw Law	each	"	—	本地波
" 2nd " — Chung-tang Paw Law	...	"	—	中環波
Plantain, — Tai Chou	...	lb.	—	大蕉
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	...	"	—	紅梨
Pumelo, Siam, — Chim Lo Yau	...	each	14	暹羅
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	...	"	—	上海佛手
Walnuts, — Hop Tuo	...	lb.	15	胡桃
" Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	...	"	—	合桃
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	...	each	—	金山西瓜
" (China) Sai Kwa	...	"	—	西瓜
Grapes, — Sang Po Tai Tso	...	lb	25	生葡萄

SHORT SERMON.

The season of "Lent," as observed annually in certain churches, comprises one-ninth of the year.

For those who regard it from a religious standpoint, it is a period of self-denial, fasting and extra activity in good works.

Until late years its observance was confined to the Roman Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches, but now many other religious organizations take more or less formal note of it.

It would be a good thing for men and women generally if Lent was "kept" by every one, to the extent of self-denial in some measure.

Self-denial, when sincerely exercised, is one of the fundamentals of self-control, and upon control of self rests the main arch of self-reliance.

Whether or not it be more true of this than of past ages, nevertheless it is true of our immediate age that one of its notable lacks is a deficit of self-mastery.

Men and women who cannot master themselves—their passions, appetites and ambitions—are not capable of lending to the uplift of the race such help as is needed, and needed in the fullest possible measure from each individual.

"To command, learn to obey," is one form of self-repeated truth.

It is the God-given right of every man and woman born into this world to command something. But none can command other persons or powers who have not first gained command over self.

For the whole human family, without as well as within churches, let Lent be a season of special effort to gain control—and thereby command—of self.

If this can be done best through denying one's self of certain kinds of food, do that. If it is to be achieved through attendance upon religious services, do that. If the temporary giving up of so-called "worldly" pleasures will bring the desired result, give them up.

While this may be called self-sacrifice, it is in reality nothing more or less than giving up something to gain something better worth having.

We know that the most valuable things one can own in this life are not those represented by tangible assets. We know, from experience rather than through faith, that the real riches are those which in this existence, at least, remain unexpressed in material form.

To be truer men and women; to do better work for ourselves and others; to help more in all efforts being made to lift the downtrodden, we must pay more attention to things spiritual.

The path to the spiritual leads through the physical. Not until we have cleared the many obstacles scattered along that path by circumstance, environment and custom, can we gain the right perspective and breathe the more invigorating air on the soul-heights.

So, while there are many who may think they can be strong when the need comes, the only ones who are sure to be fully equipped for the task are those who have gained self-mastery.

It is easy to talk about what we will do "to-morrow." The time to do things is today.

The time to begin exercising self-control is this Lent. Make it a season of self-examination and of genuine, courageous effort to make the body and the mind obedient to the higher nature.

This is the beginning of all worth and all wisdom.

Mexy, a 3-year-old dog belonging to Dr. B. H. Grosser, of Chicago, has had nine teeth extracted and gold ones substituted.

Three years ago a woman farmer in Wales sold a pony to her son who resides some twenty-five miles away between Rhuddlan and Rhyl. The pony has for the third time found its way back to its former home, managing to unfasten two gates in order to do so.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(From Manila Papers.)

Washington, April 2.

The tie-up in the anthracite coal fields is now complete, every mine being shut down. The strikers have offered no violence, and there has been no attempt to replace them with strike breakers. The miners and operators are holding daily councils, and it is expected that their differences will be amicably settled at an early date. As yet the miners in the bituminous fields have not walked out, but have reached no settlement of their differences with the operators.

W. Morgan Shuster, formerly treasurer general of Persia, has accepted a position as foreign agent of the National City Bank, of New York. His first duty will be a tour of the South American republics and the whole of Latin America in the interest of the bank, developing trade relations and extending the connections of that institution in the rapidly growing countries of the south.

The wool bill passed the House to-day by a vote of 189 to 92, and now goes to the Senate.

GAMBLING IN OPTIONS.

In the House of Commons on March 5, Mr. Field asked whether the French Government has been forced to pass into law the new clauses of its Finance Bill with respect to gambling operations in "time bargains, options, and futures" on its Bourses; whether the Chinese and Siamese Governments were also forced last autumn to take special actions with regard to gambling operations in order to protect their people from the cornering of footstuffs, and whether official steps would be taken to procure full particulars of these and other Governments' actions respecting gambling in futures and options, with a view of laying them upon the table of the House for the benefit of members.

Mr. Asquith, in a printed reply, says: "I am aware that certain clauses of Finance Bill referred to relate to time bargains, but I have no official information as to the nature of these clauses, nor as to any action taken by the Chinese and Siamese Governments in relation to this question. I will make inquiries on those points. Steps are already being taken, in accordance with the promise given to the hon. member, to obtain particulars of Government action on this subject in the principal commercial countries."

An astounding incident happened at Portland, Eng., lately when the chief of a big club got into a sheep's carcass and £130 in currency coins fell to the floor. A telephone call to the market from which the mutton had been received revealed the fact that a clerk had placed the money inside the carcass for safe keeping after banking hours.

Twelve persons who were confined in the Portuguese fortress of Alododquo on a charge of conspiracy have made a daring escape. They let themselves down from the walls by means of knotted ropes.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest at Davenham on the body of Mrs. Ethel Hawksley Lindley, the wife of a retired Manchester cotton manufacturer, of Davenham Cottage, Northwich. While taking a constitutional, and wearing a hobble skirt, Mrs. Lindley climbed a stile, and was subsequently found with her leg broken in two places, and the bone protruding. Septic poisoning supervened, and the leg was amputated, but death occurred from heart failure. The coroner said that he had the greatest respect for ladies and their dresses, but he wished that when they took country walks they would not wear hobble skirts.

POST OFFICE.

EASTER HOLIDAY.

Monday, 8th inst., being Public Holiday, the Post Office will be open as follows:—From 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. There will be one delivery of letters and a collection from the Pillar Boxes.

In the event of the arrival of the German or French Mail from Europe a special delivery of letters will be made. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holiday.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe. Letters for this route should be superscribed via Siberia.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hajoh, Hunan and Tengyueh.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Chihuahua, 7th inst.
American, China, 9th inst.
American, Manchuria, 19th inst.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left	Due
London	Shanghai
March 9.	March 26.
March 13.	March 29.
March 16.	April 2.
March 20.	April 5.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow—Per Hainan, 7th April, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Daigimaru, 7th April, 9 a.m.

Hai Phong and Pakhoi—Per Sungkiang, 7th April, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Poochow—Per Hainan, 7th April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Canada and United States via Seattle, Wash.—Per Sanuki-maru, 8th April, 10 a.m.

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Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, United States Canada and South America via San Francisco (Europe, &c., via Siberia)—Per Saiter, 10th April, noon.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Tean, 16th April, 3 p.m.
Sandakan—Per Manung, 17th April, 10 a.m.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples. (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) Late Letters 11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Extra postage 10 cents.—Per Lutzw, 17th April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per Empress of India, 20th April, 5 p.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.
Buyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,242, Hasbunato, 26th Mar.—Moji 20th Mar. Coal—T. K. K.
Daiji Maru, Jap. s.s., 846, Y. Some, Kava, 3rd April—Swatow 2nd April, Gen.—O. S. K.
Devawongse, Ger. s.s., 1,057, E. Gathemann, 2nd April—Swatow 29th Mar. Rice—D. & S.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,040, E. Boetham, 30th Mar.—Vancouver 7th and Shanghai 27th Mar. Mails and Gen.—O. P. R. Co.
Kiang Ping, Br. s.s., 1,222, H. Udden, 4th April—Canton 3rd April, Gen.—Tung Lee & Co.

Lai Sang, Br. s.s., 2,225, E. J. Todd, 2nd April—Calcutta 17th Mar. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Linan, Br. s.s., 1,250, O. C. Williams, 3rd April—Shanghai 31st Mar. Gen.—B. & S.

Lycemoon, Ger. s.s., 1,256, Vogeler, 4th April—Swatow 30th Mar. Rice—H. A. L.
Matville, Ger. s.s., 871, Ullmer, 4th April—Haiphong and Hoihow 3rd April, Gen.—J. & Co.

Pheunpouh, Br. s.s., 1,065, Jan. H. Scott, 2nd April—Swatow 29th Mar. Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.
Rajabari, Br. s.s., 1,189, C. Wolf, 1st April—Swatow 29th Mar. Flour—B. & S.

Sanuki Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,789, J. Tronaka, 2nd April—Seattle and Shanghai 32nd Mar. Gen.—N. Y. K.
Schutylkill, Br. s.s., 3,344, Smith, 22nd Mar.—New York. Kerosene oil—S. O. Co.

Shinyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,223, H. S. Smith, 30th Mar.—San Francisco 24th Feb. Flour, provisions and Gen.—T. K. K.
Siberia, Am. s.s., 5,655, A. Zoeder, 2nd April—San Francisco 5th Mar. Mail and Gen.—P. M. S. Co.

Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 987, H. Matildas, 2nd April—Haiphong via Hoihow 30th Mar. Gen.—B. & S.

Haifang, for Foochow.
Aldehnan, for New Zealand.
Mandassan-maru for Taka.
Kleis, for Shanghai and Japan.
Tingyang, for Canton.
Childan, for Canton.

Yuenang, for Philippine Islands.
Hanoi, for Pakhoi.
Tingyang, for Hongay.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.
8th March—C. Ford Luciez, Gange, Palawan, Ping Sney, Sydney. 12th March—Bennary, Persia, Madras. 15th March—Eroll, Kleis, Arcadia, Ville de la Ciotat, Lovat. 19th March—Erzherzog Franz Ferdinand, Glastree, Miyassaki Maru, Moyunc, Pehawur, Sootra, Thosun, Yang Tze. 22nd March—Cokehas, Ernest Simons, Idomenous, Pathan, Saxonia, Silesia. 20th March—Benledi, Borneo, Sithonia, Po-king, Priam, Kawachi Maru, Scandia. 29th March—Bellerophon, Diamond, Kamo Maru, Lothian, Prince Etel Friedrich, Prinz Ludwig, Satsuma, Yarra. 2nd April—Andalusia, Invincible, Klano Maru, Nilo, Patricolas, Stentor, Tencor, Rhemus.

Arrival at Home—8th March—Dartmouth, Goeben, Hiran Maru. 12th March—Indravelli, Daore Castle. 15th March—Cylops, Sydney, Argonia, Aelyanaz, Konang Si, Kennebec. 19th March—Ajaz, Segovia. 22nd March—Tango Maru, Wilhelmina. 26th March—Atholl, Isoretas, Sambla, Lovat. 29th March—Beneloch, Darflinger, Ernest Simons, Idomenous, Saxonia, Silesia, Thosun. 4th April—Scandia.

Philippine Islands—Per Loongang, 19th April, 1 p.m.
Bataris, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Tjilarem, 16th April, 10 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Suputra arrived at London on the 4th inst., morning.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Wardha is expected to leave Moji for Hongkong on the 6th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. China is due to arrive at Hongkong between 6 and 8 a.m. on the 6th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Hakata Maru, Dunbay Line, left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., and is expected on the 8th inst.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Fultala, from Rangoon, is due at Hongkong on the 12th inst., and leaves for Japan on the 18th inst.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Choyang, from Shanghai, via Swatow, is due at Hongkong and Canton on the 8th inst., and leaves for Shanghai on the 11th inst.

ARRIVED.

Ting Sang, Br. s.s., 1,045, J. McGuffog, 4th April—Swatow 3rd April, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Haifong, Br. s.s., 1,267, W. C. Passmore, 5th April—Swatow 4th April, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

St. Albans, Br. s.s., 4,110, W. G. McArthur, 5th April—Australian ports via Manila 3rd April, Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Taming, Br. s.s., 1,350, G. H. Pennefather, 5th April—Manila 2nd April, Sugar and Hemp.—B. & S.

Kleist, Ger. s.s., 5,127, L. Maass, 5th April—Bremen 21st Feb. Mail and Gen.—M. & Co.

C. Ford Luciez, Ger. s.s., 3,153, B. Palmer, 5th April—Hamburg 18th Feb. and Singapore 29th Mar. Gen.—H. A. L.

Chow Tai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Rohrer, 5th April—Bangkok and Swatow 28th Mar. Rice.—H. & S.

Wuhu, Br. s.s., 1,227, Howard, 5th April—Tientsin and Amoy 3rd April, Gen.—B. & S.

Kwangtsh, Chi. s.s., 1,576, Stewart, 5th April—Canton 4th April, Gen.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Kwongang, Br. s.s., 1,428, Bohard, 5th April—Canton 4th April, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, A. H. Stewart, 6th April—Swatow 5th April, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Kaljo Maru, Jap. s.s., 208, J. Yamaguchi, 6th April—Swatow 5th April, Gen.—O. S. K.

Hwke, Br. cruiser, Seiser, 6th April—Woo ung 3rd April.

Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,215, E. Forsyth, 6th April—Hienan 30th April, Gen.—B. & S.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. St. Albans, arrived 5th April, from Sydney, &c.:—
Blitz, Mr. & Mrs. Pintado, F.
Peter, Potter, A. B.
Clark, Mrs. C. F. Ryan, P. V.
Dumoresq, Mrs. W. Syntes.

Doyle P. J., Salinas, Mr. and Mrs. B.
Darby Mr. & Mrs. Story, P. Fawcett, Salinas, Messrs. J. & H.
Ellis, A. E., Salinas, Misses (2).
Filpo, M. Piero, Trent, Judge G. Hashim, A.
Hochler, A. A. T.
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